Council Communication

Department: Community Development Case #ZC-08-004 Case #SUB-08-002 Case #PR-08-003	Ordinance No. Resolution No. Resolution No.	6003	City Council: June 9, 2008 Planning Commission: May 13, 2008

Orchard Village Subdivision

- 1. Rezone approximately 8.5 acres in the SE¼ NE¼ of Section 4-74-43 lying west of State Orchard Road from R-3/Low Density Multi-family Residential with a Planned Residential Overlay to C-2 Commercial on proposed Lots 1 and 2.
- 2. Preliminary plan approval for a four lot subdivision to be known as Orchard Village.
- 3. Approve the Planned Residential Development Plan for proposed Lots 3 and 4 in Orchard Village.

Background/Discussion

Dial Land Purchasing LLC has an option to purchase approximately 23 acres along the west side of State Orchard Road, north of Greenview Road. They are requesting rezoning and preliminary plan approval for a 4 lot subdivision to be known as Orchard Village. Lots 3 and 4 would house 96 condominium units ranging in price from about \$100,000 for one of the 48 one bedroom units to about \$130,000 for one of the 48 two bedroom units. A 1500 square foot clubhouse with pool is shown. Yard care and exterior maintenance will be included through dues to a homeowner's association. The existing R-3/PR zoning supports the proposed use. Twelve two story, 8-unit condominium structures, each with 8 side loading garages will be built in two phases on Lots 3 and 4. Buildings labeled 9 through 12 will be built in Phase 1, with the remainder in the second phase. The Planned Residential Overlay allows for review and approval of design standards, landscaping and signage. Commercial development is proposed for Lots 1 and 2. Dial has requested rezoning to C-2 to support commercial use on Lots 1 and 2. The applicant wishes to start construction soon after final approval is received. Construction for the commercial site, including parking and utility installation will start when retail users are identified.

Rezoning - The entire 23 acre tract and much of the land to the west are zoned R-3/Low Density Multi-family Residential with a PR/Planned Residential Overlay. The existing zoning would allow commercial use on 16% of the developable area. Since the commercial area exceeds that percentage Dial is requesting rezoning to C-2 Commercial for approximately 8.5 acres which includes Lots 1 and 2 and Outlot 'A' in the southwest portion of the property. The current zoning became effective when the land was annexed along with the abutting undeveloped land to the west and Briarwood Subdivision in 2000. At that time, the Community Development Department recommended the R-3/PR zoning to allow flexibility for future development. Neighborhood commercial development along with multi-family residential uses are compatible with the nearby residential use. At the request of Tweedt Engineering, owner of the land to the west, a 150' by 250' parcel was rezoned from R-3/PR to C-2 Commercial in 2003 for a contractor's shop, limited to a 20-year period. Glen Oaks Townhomes are located west of that land. Briarwood Subdivision, zoned R-1/Single Family Residential, lies to the north. One parcel at the intersection of State Orchard and Greenview was annexed and rezoned to R-1in 2005. Single family dwellings and agricultural land outside of the City lie to the south and east. Approximately 250' of the proposed commercial zoning abuts the undeveloped land to the west. The closest residential uses abut the existing R-3/PR zoning. There is a 60' wide drainage easement to provide a buffer along the west side. The existing tree line is not on this property and will not be removed for construction of the land. The rezoning is consistent with the intent of the 1994 Comprehensive Plan. Zoning is shown on the attached map.

Neighborhood Response – The following property owners have contacted the department with concerns or to request additional information. Attachment 'B' contains a letter and petition signed by 56 individuals and an email.

- 1. Marie Larchick & Arthur Haney, 125 Glen Oaks Drive
- 2. Audrey Hedlund, 125 Glen Oaks Drive
- 3. Glenn Smith, 615 Redwood Drive
- 4. Tyler O' Brien, 729 Redwood Dr.
- 5. Ralph O'Donnell, 20570 Greenview Dr.

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- 6. Dale Ward, 131 Glen Oaks Drive, concerned that the unit prices are not comparable with the surrounding home prices.
- 7. Kris A. Chelf, 707 Redwood Dr., email.
- 8. Rita Willmott, email.

Preliminary Plan – The subdivision abuts State Orchard Road, which will be widened in the future. The final alignment will be based on completion of an environmental impact statement. Certain constraints on the east side will likely direct the new roadway to the west side. Public Works is requesting 75' of right-of-way to assure that adequate land is available for the new alignment. The area is shown as Outlot 'B'. The ultimate width of the rightof-way at this location is 141' including 33' from the existing centerline of State Orchard Road. The new alignment will connect to Eastern Hills Drive (the eastern beltway) through the Hills of Cedar Creek to the north and east and allow for a 74' wide roadway. The land cannot be built upon and will be dedicated to the City for roadway purposes with the final plat of the subdivision. Public Works agrees to the location of the entrance along State Orchard Road. No other access to the subdivision is permitted from State Orchard or from Greenview. Cross access easements between Lots 1 and 2 are required. The streets in the subdivision will be private within 50' or 60' wide easements as shown on the site plan and built to City standards. The proposed streets meet the minimum standards for material, cross sections and profile. Roadway will connect Tipton in Briarwood to the new subdivision. Two potential street connections were platted with the Briarwood Subdivision. Belmont Circle (37' wide) will extend northwesterly within a 60' wide easement, ending in a cul-de-sac. Due to the elevation change, the roadway will not connect to Belmont Drive in Briarwood. Tipton is a 26' wide, curbed and guttered road lying on 50' wide easement. Tipton Drive will connect to the existing Tipton Drive in Briarwood. Water, sanitary and storm sewer designed to City standards are required and shown on the attachments.

A storm water management system has been designed to retain up to a 100-year storm event under developed conditions and release it at a level of the predeveloped 5-year peak runoff. Storm drainage is directed from curb inlets as shown and into the detention basin in Outlot 'A'. The existing 60' wide drainage easement will remain. Public Works has reviewed and concurs with the calculations in the storm water detention analysis. The capacity of the detention basin will need to be increased which may result in a change to the area shown as Lot 1. The detention basin must be contained within the private property and not extend into public right-of-way. The sanitary sewer will connect to the system in State Orchard Road. Two taps are shown. Public Works asks for one sewer connection at the southerly end to minimize roadway reconstruction demands for the connections. A sewer tap fee for this land based on the benefited area was adopted when Briarwood was subdivided.

The City requires a grading plan, with grading surety bond consistent with an approved preliminary plan and development plan. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) requires a storm water pollution prevention plan prior to any grading on the site. A complete erosion and sediment control plan showing both temporary and permanent measures is subject to review and approval by the Public Works Department to assure a stable site during grading/construction and afterwards. The preliminary soils report indicates the soils are suitable for the proposed uses.

Sidewalks constructed to City standards are required along all frontages of the private roads. The developer shall install privately owned and maintained streetlights at spacing to meet City standards.

Utilities are accessible with adequate capacity to serve the proposed uses. The developer will be responsible for all costs for extending or relocating electric facilities and provide to MidAmerican Energy all applicable easements to the utility at no cost. Aquila has gas main in both State Orchard and Greenview Roads which can be extended to serve the subdivision. The water lines will be private with two connections to the main in State Orchard Road. An additional line will extend north through the Tipton Drive right-of-way to connect to existing lines. A main extension agreement is not needed but construction must meet Water Works standards with connection fees required and the lines sized to accommodate commercial needs. A resilient coated wedge with a swing check valve is need at the 3 system connections. Service lines in permanent easements will serve each building with a shut-off valve at each building. Private water lines and fire hydrants must be installed consistent with the fire safety and Water Works standards.

All lighting shall be directed away from neighboring residential properties and from the vision of motorists and pedestrians as noted in Section 15.24 if the Municipal Code.

Parking as shown is adequate to meet the commercial off-street parking requirements. Two off-street parking spaces are required for each of the 96 townhouse units. Additional parking is required for the clubhouse. Eight garages are attached to each eight-plex building. Eight spaces are also located in front of each building except for Buildings 7 and 8.

Planned Residential Development Plan Review – The applicant intends to sell each of the 96 units separately as condominiums/townhouse units. Building codes require additional fire separation between all walls for the units to be sold individually.

Two parking spaces are required for each townhouse unit. Eight garages are attached to each eight unit building with eight spaces along the front, except for Buildings 7 and 8. The front parking area was removed due to concern for safety when backing into the private street with traffic going into and out of the commercial area along that portion of Belmont Circle. Eight spaces have been added along Tipton to serve Building 7. Additional parking is also required for the clubhouse/pool. Eighteen spaces are shown. Additional required parking can be created by eliminating the space as shown along the street, moving the two buildings closer to the street and adding parking adjacent to Buildings 7 and 8. Signage shall be limited to one detached monument sign at the entrance drive, not to exceed 6 feet in height. A double-faced sign is permitted.

Recommendation

The Community Development Department recommends:

- 1. Approve the <u>rezoning</u> of proposed Lots 1 and 2 and Outlot A, extending to the centerline of the adjacent public roadway, from R-3/Low Density Multi-family Residential to C-2 Commercial for the reasons identified above.
- 2. Approve the <u>preliminary plan</u> for a subdivision to be known as Orchard Village, subject to the following notes and conditions:
- a. Approval of the preliminary plan is tentative and does not constitute acceptance of the final plat, but is 'deemed to be an authorization to proceed with the preparation of final construction plans or performance guarantee and the final plat'. (§14.11.060.04- Subdivision Ordinance).
- b. The proposed subdivision is consistent with the purpose and intent of the Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances. Each lot exceeds the minimum lot area required in an R-3 or C-2 Commercial District. All of the proposed lots have direct access to public street right-of-way.
- c. With adequate engineering and construction controls, the land is suitable for the proposed development. Construction plans for streets, sanitary sewer and storm drainage shall be submitted to the Public Works Department for review and approval prior to beginning construction. These improvements include sanitary and storm sewer connections to the 23.1 acre parcel. Construction plans and comprehensive plans for grading, drainage and erosion control, including right-of-way during site preparation, utility installation and construction shall be submitted to the Public Works Department for review and approval prior to beginning any earth disturbing activity. Final sizing and locating the detention basin is part of the construction drawing process. All applicable permits necessary to meet local state and federal requirements shall be the developer's responsibility.
- d. In addition to the 33' wide street dedication shown along the center line of State Orchard Road, the additional 75' wide area shown as Outlot 'B' shall be dedicated to the City for right-of way to allow for the future construction of State Orchard Road.
- e. An erosion and sediment control and grading plan shall be submitted with the construction plans. The erosion and sediment control plan will include temporary and permanent vegetative cover, structural measures, phasing and a maintenance and inspection program to address removal of sediment during construction and following any rainfall.
- f. A sanitary trunk sewer line has been constructed in the State Orchard Road right-of-way. A 'tap-on' fee of

- \$1617.37 per acre is payable when a building permit is requested for any lot within the proposed subdivision. (Ordinance No. 5426, dated 10-26-98) Storm sewer and the water main extension will be part of the road construction project. Utilities can be extended with sufficient capacity to serve the proposed development. The developer bears the costs to extend the services to the subdivision and to each lot.
- g. The private roadways will be built to City standards. Access to State Orchard Road is limited to the one entrance shown as Belmont Circle on the plat. The overall street layout and both the vertical and horizontal alignments are consistent with Public Works standards.
- h. Arrangements shall be completed with the Council Bluffs Water Works to extend water lines to serve each lot with capacity suitable for each use.
- i. Permanent access easements shall be noted on the final plat and the maintenance agreement for the private drives shall be executed with responsibilities and funding defined and recorded concurrently.
- j. All utilities shall be installed underground, with costs borne by the developer. The developer shall maintain all clearances from existing electric facilities and pay all costs associated with extending or relocating any facilities. Based upon the route determined by MidAmerican Energy, the developer shall install the conduit system and provide the appropriate easements.
- k. Fire hydrants are required with a maximum spacing of 400' apart.
- Sidewalk shall be built at no expense to the City, along the frontage of each lot abutting the private roadway
 when the streets are constructed. Sidewalk is not the developer's responsibility along the State Orchard Road
 right-of-way adjacent to the subdivision, as it will be constructed as part of the State Orchard Road
 reconstruction project. Potentially a walking/biking trail will be built along the east side of the street.
- m. Detached signage for the commercially lots shall be limited to one monument sign designed to include the center's name with space for tenant identification. Maximum height from existing grade shall be 6' with total sign area not to exceed 120 square feet per face. Monument sign area is calculated as the total structure. Attached signage will comply with the regulations in the C-2 District.
- n. Signage shall comply with all applicable city, state and federal regulations. The applicant or an authorized agent shall obtain all necessary sign permits.
- o. Outside storage is not permitted. Trash enclosures shall be fully enclosed and gated. The enclosures shall be the same or complementary to the color of the buildings.
- p. An overall landscape plan shall be developed with the final plat, including specifics to buffer and fence the detention pond.
- 3. Approve the <u>Planned Residential Development Plan</u> for Orchard Village condominiums on Lots 3 and 4 as presented, subject to the following conditions:
- a. In order for these units to be sold individually, each 'townhouse' unit shall be built to comply with the 'dwelling unit separation' requirements as defined in the 2003 International Residential Code. A townhouse is a single family dwelling, constructed in a group of attached units with a zero-setback property line and separated by a 1-hour rated assembly.
- b. Two off-street parking spaces are required for each unit as well as parking to meet the capacity requirements of the clubhouse.
- c. Private street lighting shall be installed by the developer at spacing to meet City standards.
- d. The landscape plan for the R-3/PR area is acceptable. A complete listing of the species, size, location and quantities of all plant material along with the planting schedule shall be presented with the first building permit.
- e. All landscaped areas shall be included in a site irrigation system presented with the first building permit.
- f. All plant material and the irrigation system consistent with the approved plan shall be in place prior to issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy for the building.
- g. One monument sign, maximum height of 4' from existing grade and maximum sign area of 48 square feet per face is permitted. Monument sign area is calculated as the total structure.
- h. Signage shall comply with all applicable city, state and federal regulations. The applicant or an authorized agent shall obtain all necessary sign permits.
- i. Outside storage is not permitted. Trash enclosures shall be fully enclosed and gated. The enclosures shall be the same or complementary to the color of the buildings.

Public Hearing

Deb Peterson, 215 S. Main St., Council Bluffs, and Bill O'Connor, Dial Land Purchasing LLC, 11506 Nicholas St. #200, Omaha, NE 68154 appeared before the Planning Commission in favor of the request.

The following appeared before the Planning Commission in opposition:

Marie Larchick, 125 Glen Oaks Dr.

Glenn Smith, 615 Redwood Dr., with petition (see attachment 'C')

Roger Harvey, 20914 Greenview Rd.

Richard Fuerst, 624 Redwood Dr.

Randy Thompson, 1805 Tipton Dr.

Russell Norris, 607 Redwood Dr.

Allen Cohrs, 140 Glen Oaks Dr.

George Megard, 139 Glen Oaks Dr.

Planning Commission Recommendation

The Planning Commission recommends: 1) Rezone proposed Lots 1, 2, and Outlot A, extending to the centerline of the adjacent public roadway from R-3/Low Density Multi-family Residential to C-2 Commercial with further limitations to the C-2 uses as refined in conjunction with the applicant prior to the public hearing.

2) Approve the preliminary plan for a subdivision to be known as Orchard Village, subject to the notes and conditions cited in the staff report.

3) Approve the Planned Residential Development Plan for Orchard Village condominiums subject to the conditions in the staff report.

VOTE: Aye 8 Nay 1 Abstain 1 Absent 1 Motion carried.

Attachments: Zoning Map, Attachment 'A', Attachment 'B' and Attachment 'C'.

Applicant: Dial Land Purchasing LLC, Bill O'Connor, 11506 Nicholas St. #200, Omaha, NE 68154

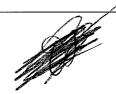
Owner: George T. Jacobs, 404 Fawn Park Circle, Council Bluffs, IA 51503 Representative: Deborah Petersen, 215 So Main, Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Engineer: Design Engineering and Assoc., Larry Hagwood, 9749 So 175th Circle, Omaha, NE 68136

Architect: TSP, Larry McChesney, AIA, 9802 Nicholas St., Suite 205, Omaha, NE 68114-2167

Prepared by: Gayle M. Malmquist, Development Services Coordinator

Approved by: Donald D. Gross, Director, Community Development Department



Prepared by:

City of Council Bluffs Legal Department, 209 Pearl Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51503 (712) 328-4620

Return to: City Clerk, 209 Pearl Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51503

ORDINANCE NO. 6003

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA, AS ADOPTED BY REFERENCE IN SECTION 15.02.040 OF THE 2005 MUNICIPAL CODE OF COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA, BY CHANGING THE DISTRICT DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN GROUNDS, PREMISES AND PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF STATE ORCHARD ROAD, NORTH OF GREENVIEW ROAD, IN COUNCIL BLUFFS, POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY, IOWA, FROM ITS PRESENT DESIGNATION AS R-3/LOW DENSITY MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL WITH A PLANNED RESIDENTIAL OVERLAY TO C-2/COMMERCIAL, AS SET FORTH AND DEFINED IN CHAPTERS 15.10 AND 15.15 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA:

SECTION 1. That the Zoning Map of the City of Council Bluffs, Iowa, as adopted by reference in Section 15.02.040 of the Municipal Code of the City of Council Bluffs, Iowa, be and the same is hereby amended by changing the district designation of certain grounds, property and premises located along the west side of State Orchard Road, north of Greenview Road, as shown on the Attachments, and legally described as follows:

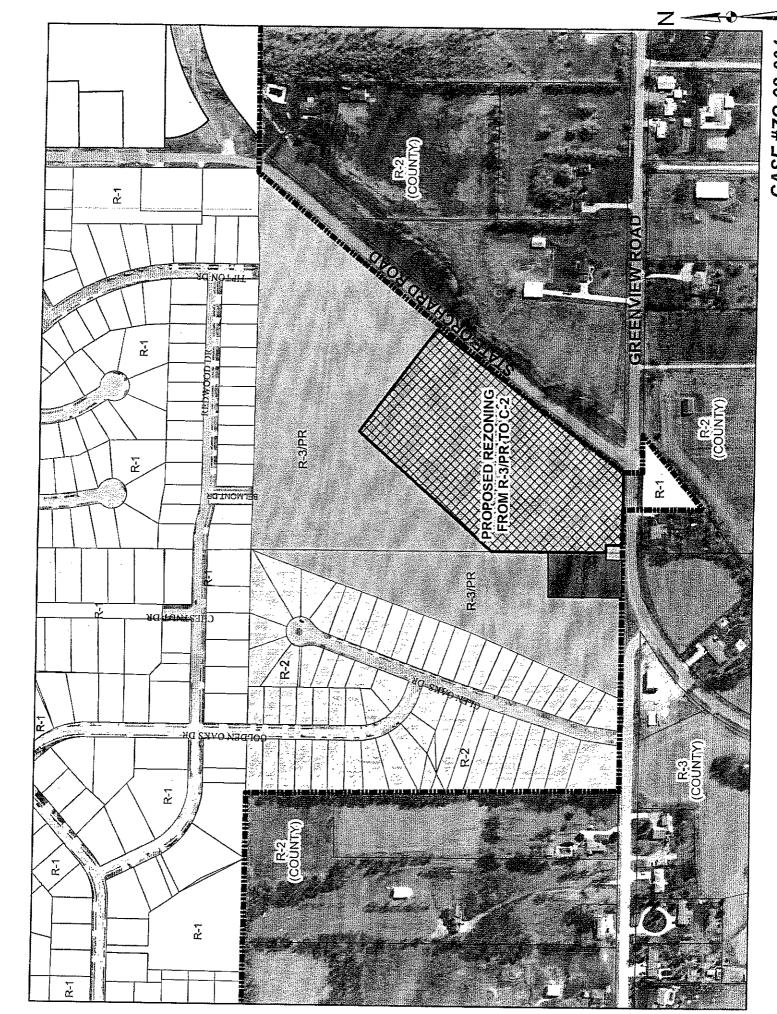
8.5 acres in the SE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 4-74-43, Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie County, Iowa,

from its present designation as R-3/Low Density Multi-family Residential with a Planned

Residential Overlay to C-2/Commercial as	s set forth and defined in Chapters	15.10 and 15.15 of
Title 15 "Zoning" of the 2005 Municipal C	Code of Council Bluffs, Iowa.	
SECTION 2. Repealer. All ordinances or	parts of ordinances in conflict wit	h the provisions of
this ordinance are hereby repealed.		
SECTION 3. Effective Date. This ordinar	nce shall be in full force and effect	from and after its
final passage, approval and publication, as	by law provided.	
	PASSED AND APPROVED	, 2008
	THOMAS P. HANAFAN	Mayor
Attest:	JUDITH RIDGELEY	City Clerk

FIRST CONSIDERATION:	June 9, 2008
SECOND CONSIDERATION:	
PUBLIC HEARING:	
THIRD CONSIDERATION:	
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Planning Case No. ZC-08-004





8/20/07 Date:

DESCRIPTION

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

TRACT OF LAND LYING IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 75 NORTH, RANGE 43 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY, IOWA, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS

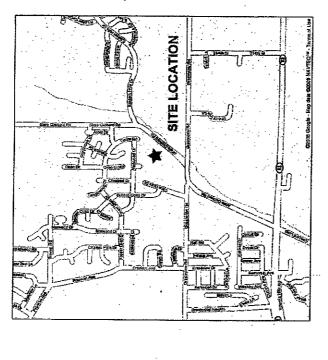
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ORCHARD VILLAGE

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA



Total Units Phase I

One Bed Two bed

Residential Eight Plex / Two-Story

No. of Bldg.

Unit Mix

BUILDING DATA

ATTACHMENT A

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VICINITY MAP

185 car 5.2/1,000 s.f.

(max. ht. 30")

35,500

One-Story Gross s.f. Parking Ratio

Site Area

COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

64 cars

82 cars

Phase II

Phase I

Parking

Dial Land Puchasing LLC.

Orchard Village Council Bluffs, lowa

	SHEET LEGEND
2	Residential Landscaping
A1	8 Plex Plan
¥2	8 Plex Elevation
A3	Clubhouse Plan & Elevation
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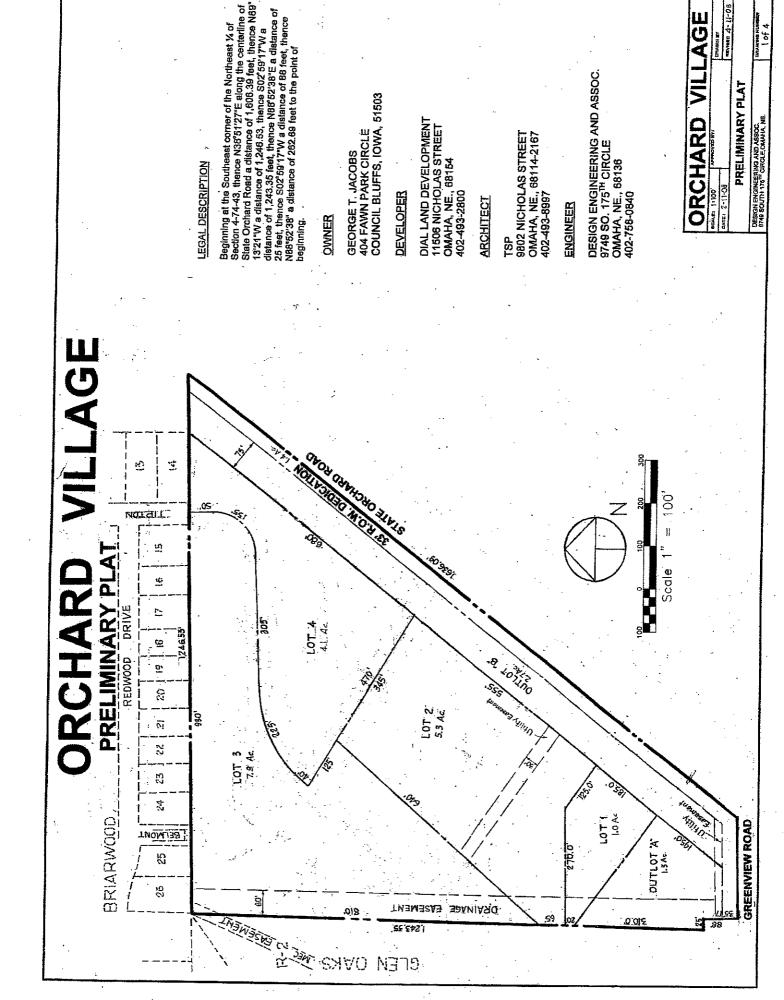
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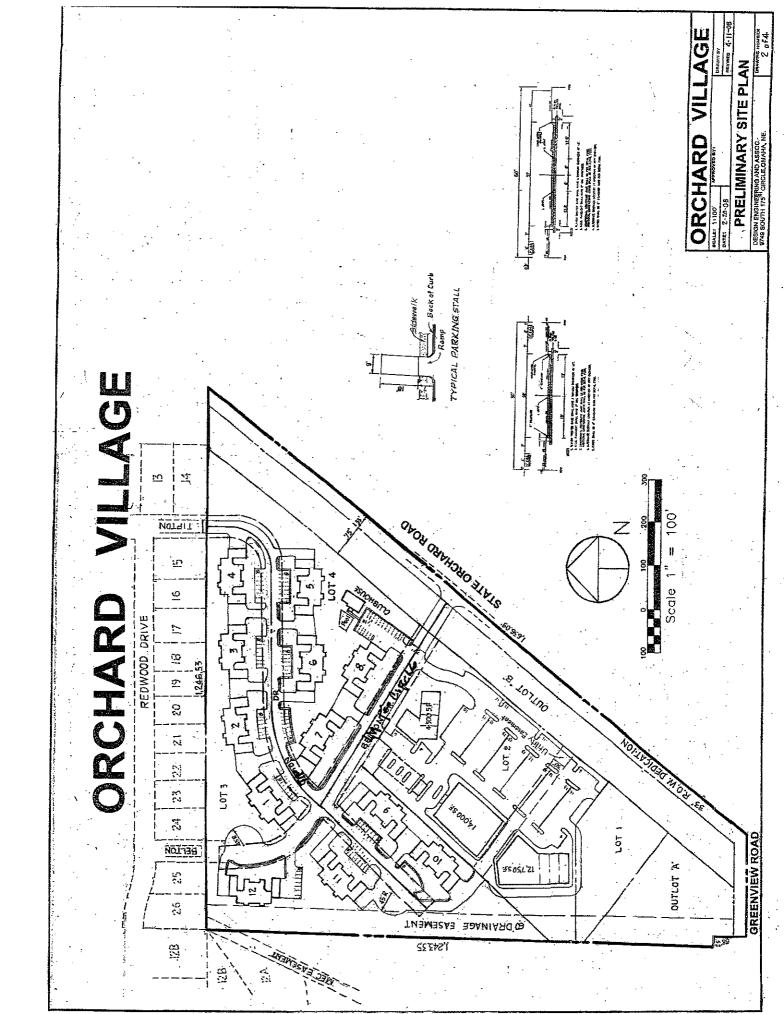
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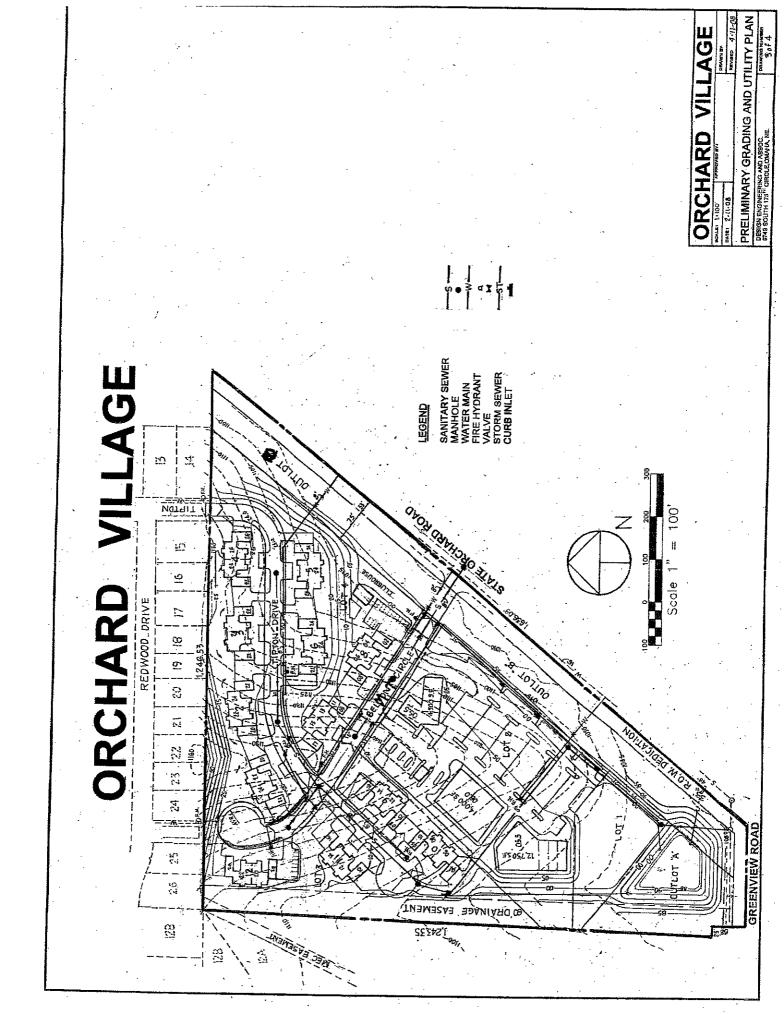
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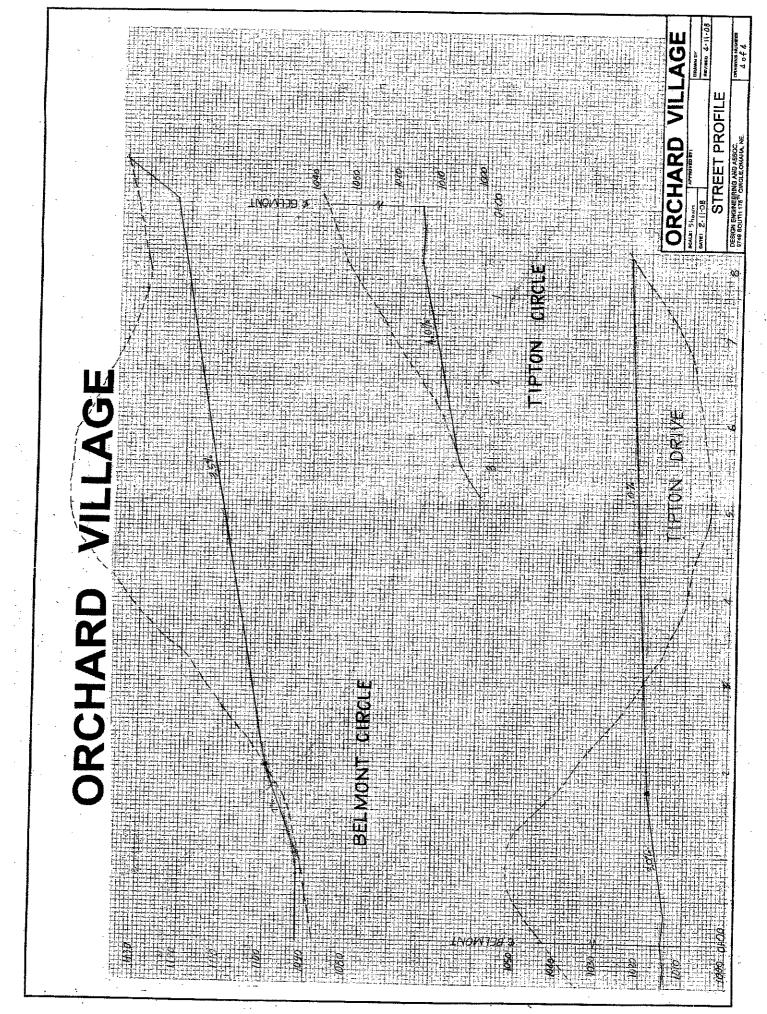
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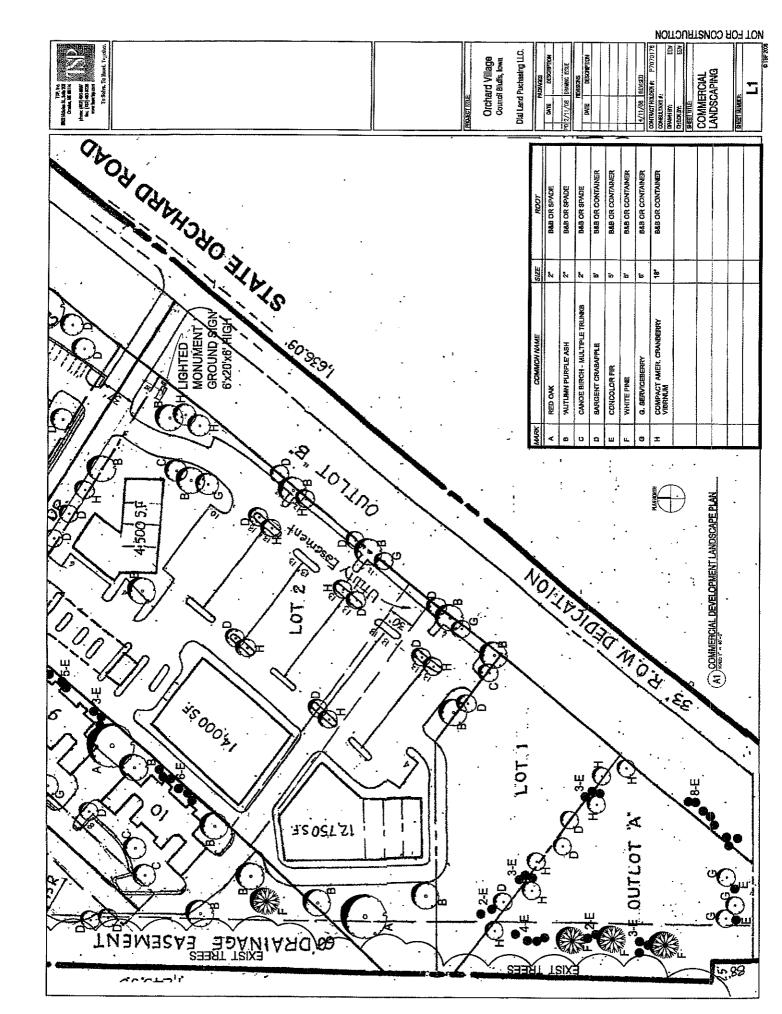


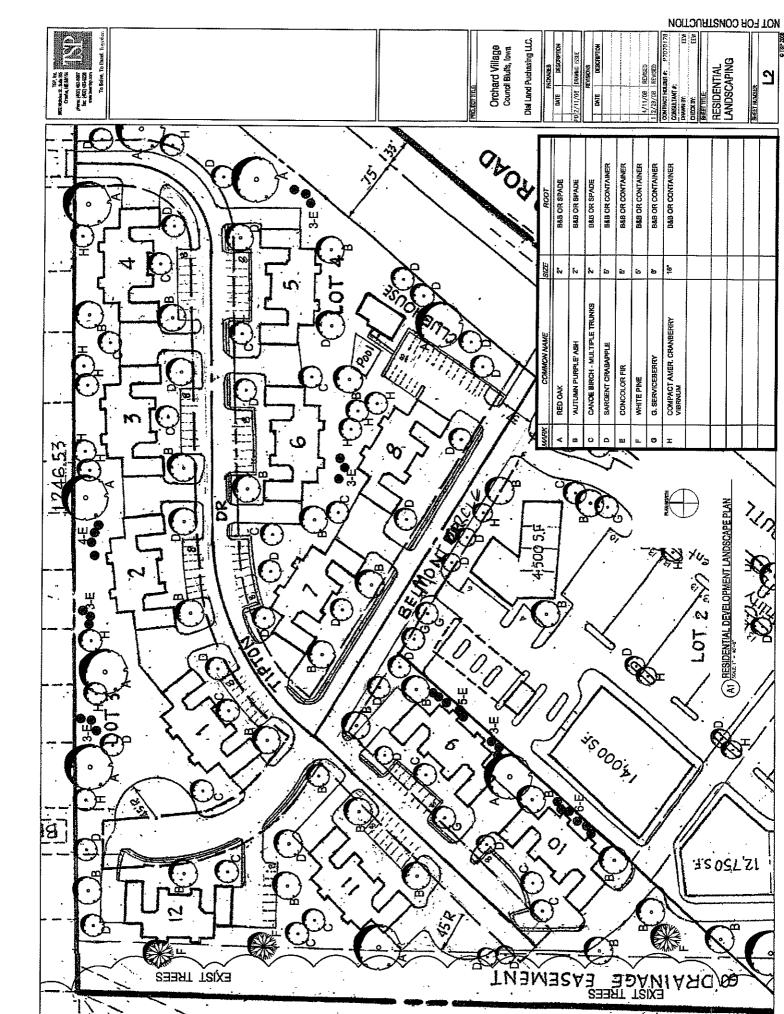
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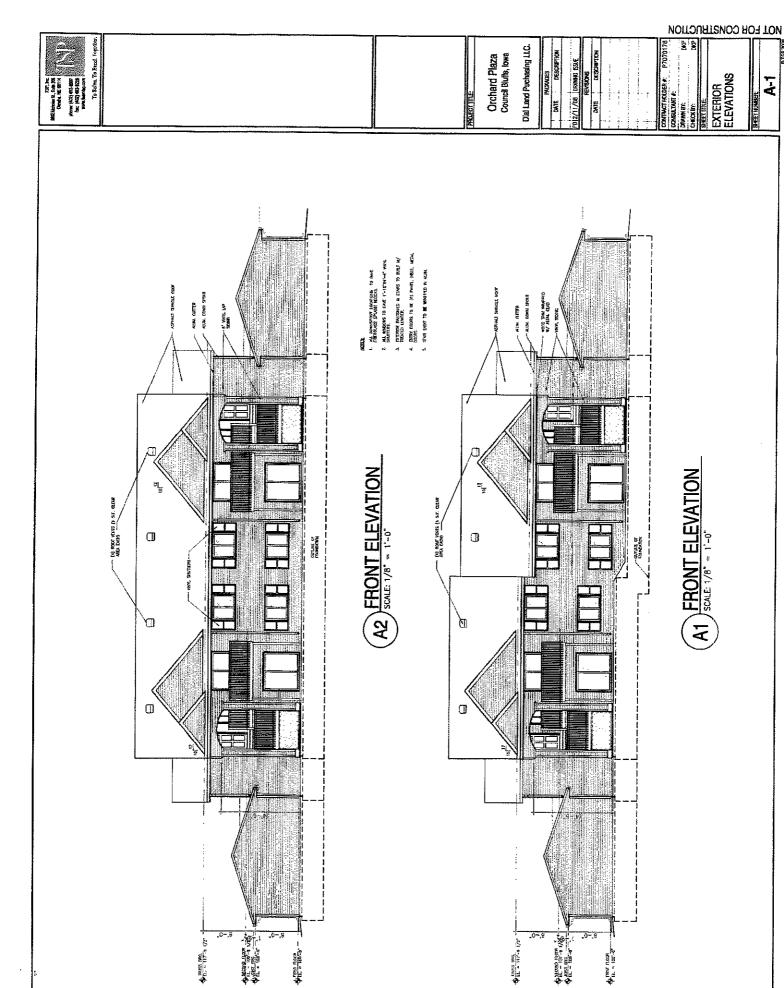












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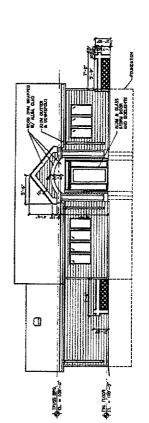
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(A1) FRONT ELEVATION

March 31, 2008

Gayle Malmquist
Development Services Coordinator
City of Council Bluffs
209 Pearl Street
Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503

Re: Case #ZC-08-004 Rezoning for Orchard Village For inclusion in agenda for City Planning Commission Meeting on April 8, 2008

Ms. Malmquist:

This letter is to register our opposition to the proposed Orchard Village subdivision and the commercial space as described in your letter dated March 25, 2008.

The entire parcel of 23 acres is currently zoned as R-3/Low Density Multi-family Residential with a Planned Residential Overlay. The developer wants to rezone 8.5 acres to C-2 Commercial.

By the very definition of C-2 in the municipal codes for Council Bluffs, it states the following intent:

"The C-2 district is intended to provide for major commercial retail shopping and service areas adjacent to major traffic corridors. This district also provides a variety of commercial services to the community and adjacent residential neighborhoods. ((Ord. 5458 § 2 (part), 1999)."

By the requirements of the C-2 zoning requirement, this proposed commercial development does not meet the stated intent. It adjoins State Orchard Road and Greenview Road; both cannot be considered major traffic corridors by any definition.

The developer describes 12 residential buildings with 8 living units per building, along with a clubhouse and it appears to be a pool on the plat on just 9.4 acres. The following statement of intent for R-3 demonstrates again the developer's non-compliance with the intent of our existing zoning requirements.

The R-3 district is intended and designed for lower density multifamily residential areas of the city. This district permits a variety of housing types and is intended for established and developing areas of the city. (Ord. 5307 § 1 (part), 1996).

The high density apartment-like living units in a cluster of buildings with detached garages may be called condominiums by the developer, but doesn't make it so. Does the developer guarantee that each living unit will be 100% owner-occupied? Apartment-like condominiums are more fitting in an urban city setting, not a residential rural setting. This type of housing is not compatible with

the existing surrounding residential neighborhoods. In fact, it would be harmful to the property values of nearby residential homes.

This type of high-density condominium development as proposed by the developer seems to be more fitting of the zoning requirements as listed in the statement of intent for the R-4 code:

The R-4 district is intended to provide for development of high density multiple-family housing. This district allows for a mixture of compatible uses with high density urban neighborhoods. This district is most appropriate in central areas of the community or in areas which have full services. (Ord. 5308 § 1 (part), 1996).

We understand that this 23 acre property also has a PR overlay. By the requirements of our municipal code zoning requirement, this proposed development is not compatible with the single-family homes and the rural residential acreages that surround it. The statement of intent for P-R seems quite clear that this proposed residential development is not a good fit for t following statement of intent:

The Planned Residential overlay is established to permit flexibility in the use and design of structures and land in situations where conventional development may be inappropriate and where modifications of requirements of the underlying zone would not be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan or harmful to the neighborhood in which it is located. This overlay is intended to:

04. Promote an attractive and safe living environment which is compatible with surrounding residential developments;

There are other reasons for opposition to the Rezoning to C-2 for the Orchard Village Development and the type of high-density residential development that is planned for Lots 3 and 4 as described on the plat.

No additional commercial development is needed. There are already two developed major shopping areas within 10 minutes of this location. The new Metro Crossing is less than 10 minutes away and it is just getting started with plenty of vacant space for new businesses in an existing commercially-zoned location. Metro Crossing does adjourn two major thoroughfares—Highway 92 and Interstate 29. There is also a gas station and convenience store on Highway 92 with other commercial space on both sides of that property. It is less than 5 minutes from this proposed development.

The Mall of the Bluffs is less than 10 minutes away with adequate shopping for a variety of merchandise, including groceries, banking, etc. There are several vacant store fronts that are boarded up. With the move of J.C. Penney's to the Marketplace and Target to follow to Metro Crossing later, our city leaders need to protect the Mall of the Bluffs shopping center from becoming ghost town. It is a gateway to our city as it adjoins a major thoroughfare, Interstate 80. Let's not abandon existing commercial space to develop another shopping center in a remote part of town.

The developer has provided very specific details about the trees that are proposed for the commercial area, including their locations, but NO information on what type of commercial enterprise that will be in the four buildings of over 35,500 square feet. Commercial zoning of C-2 allows a wide range of possibilities, many which are **not suitable** for a residential area. We don't see how this carte blanch approval for rezoning to commercial could be granted on a proposal without these details.

The developer includes Lot 1 as part of the commercial rezoning, but no building details appear on the plat for review. This reiterates the vagueness of this proposed development and further evidence that it is not worthy of the Planning Commission approval.

The new sign for Orchard Village at the corner of State Orchard Road states: "Outlots for Sale Lease/ Build to Suit". There are three outlots on the plat. Outlot A borders Greenview Road. Outlots B and C appear to be buffers to State Orchard Road, but that is evidently not the intent of the developer, since they are sale or lease. Outlot C adjoins Lot 4 of the residential development.

It seems that the P-R overlay would allow the developer to expand the commercial development of Outlot C without this disclosure. This developer is not being forthright with the Planning Commission, nor with the residents of the nearby existing neighborhoods. This residential area is highly unsuited for this type of extensive commercial development.

The environmental effects of excavating more than 30 feet of dirt from the upper end of this property to prepare the site are of major concern. By destroying the natural terrain of the land, it is highly likely that the surrounding property will suffer with drainage issues. With the addition of all of this concrete, where is the runoff going to go? It is very likely to be problem for State Orchard Road and the creeks in this rural area. The culvert under Greenview Road will surely be compromised and the impact to the surrounding neighbors will likely be significant.

Has the developer presented independent civil engineering studies that demonstrate the impact of the removal of the moisture-absorbing land and replacing it with acres of concrete? We ask that the Planning Commission ensure these issues are thoroughly addressed and resolved before any type of development is approved for this property to minimize the exposure of risk to our city.

There is typically an embargo every spring on State Orchard Road that prohibits heavy equipment and trucks from using the road. The trucks are rerouted to the nearby existing residential neighborhoods. State Orchard Road is not suitable in its current condition for this type of heavy equipment traffic.

The increased volume of traffic on State Orchard Road and the condition of the road are a major concern. State Orchard Road is merely a blacktop rural road with run off issues every spring. It is **not** a major thoroughfare, nor is Greenview Road as defined by the intent of C-2 zoning.

This proposed development is in a residential rural area with large acreages on State Orchard Road and single family housing areas surrounding it with the exception of the large duplex town homes on Glen Oaks Drive and Golden Oaks Drive. The property across from the proposed shopping center is a horse pasture. **This land is not suitable** for a multi-building shopping center with a

parking lot for 185 cars on 4.7 acres of land. Its development would be harmful to the property values of the residential neighborhoods.

In addition to these comments, we have included signed petitions from over 55 neighbors who also oppose the rezoning of the portion of Orchard Village to C-2 status. This 23 acre parcel of land should remain zoned as R-3 in its entirety. Any approved residential development should add to the value of the surrounding neighborhoods, not do it harm.

If you are interested in viewing this property from a different vantage point, you are welcome to visit our backyard at 125 Glen Oaks Drive. You will see the beauty of the terrain of this land and the close proximity we are to the property, especially our neighbors as you move up Glen Oaks Drive.

We want to preserve the beauty of the hills of Council Bluffs and we support carefully planned development that allows for space between neighbors. We strongly recommend that our Planning Commission uphold the integrity of the development of our city and adhere to the intent of our zoning requirements.

Thank you for your service to our community and your consideration for our views and opinions.

Marie K. Larchick 125 Glen Oaks Drive

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Arthur L. Haney

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Gayle Malmquist

From:

Kris Chelf [kachelf@cox.net]

Sent:

Tuesday, May 06, 2008 8:28 PM

To:

Gayle Malmquist

Cc: Subject: Patrick McFadden; Rose Brown; Rebecca Sall Rezoning Request of field South of Briarwood

Dear Planning Staff,

It has been brought to my attention that Dial Land Purchasing LLC is requesting rezoning of the field on the south side of Briarwood from R-3 / Low Density Multi-Family Residential to C-2 Commercial. I also understand that this company wishes to construct 4 large buildings on the proposed Orchard Village Subdivision and 12 two-story four plexes with a clubhouse.

I'm writing this e-mail to encourage the Council Bluffs Planning Staff and the City Council to please <u>reject</u> this request. This type of environment does <u>NOT</u> belong in our neighborhood. My wife and I have lived in Briarwood since 2002 and have thoroughly enjoyed our quiet surroundings. Speaking for the people of Briarwood and the surrounding sub-divisions, I can assure you that we do not want the kind of problems this type of development can bring. For example, increased traffic, additional noise, more trash, a lighted parking lot (no more starry nights), retail parking spaces, not to mention the possibility of increased crime in the area. That is definitely something the people in our neighborhoods do not want.

I strongly urge you to vote <u>NO</u> on this proposal. We need to keep our neighborhoods safe and clean for all of the families who bought houses here to escape such an environment as the one being proposed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kris A. Chelf 707 Redwood Drive Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Gayle Malmquist

From:

Gayle Malmquist

Sent:

Wednesday, May 07, 2008 3:50 PM

To:

'Rita Willmott'

Subject:

RE: Rezoning Near Briarwood Development

Rita - Received your comment. I will give a copy to the Planning Commission members next Tuesday. Gayle Gayle

Gayle M. Malmquist AICP
Development Services Coordinator
City of Council Bluffs
209 Pearl St.
Council Bluffs, IA 51503
Phone 712 328-4631

gmalmquist@councilbluffs-ia.gov

From: Rita Willmott [mailto:rwillmott@cox.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2008 2:08 PM

To: Gayle Malmquist

Fax 712 328-4915

Subject: Rezoning Near Briarwood Development

Gayle,

I am strongly opposed to the rezoning of the "corner" near the Briarwood Development. My husband and I moved from Omaha to Council Bluffs because of the "countryside-like area". We don't want a 185-stall parking lot behind us, let alone rental property. We understood when we purchased the home that someday there might be homes like ours behind us. We are okay with that; however, we are not okay with anything other than residential property owned by the people that occupy the home.

We certainly don't need a convenience store in the area either. There is one located at the top of the hill on Highway 92. Focus you planning efforts on keeping Mall of the Bluffs a viable shopping area now that JC Penney has moved and Target is going to move. Focus on attracting interesting retail to those locations.

Rita Willmott
Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503
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Judith Ridgeley

From:

Dick Janousek [rjanousek@yahoo.com]

Sent:

Friday, June 06, 2008 10:03 PM

To:

Darren Bates; Scott Belt; Lynne Branigan; Matt Schultz; Matt Walsh

Cc: Subject: Judith Ridgeley; Tom Hanafan Orchard Park Village Development

To:

Darren Bates Scott Belt Lynn Branigan Matt Schultz Matt Walsh

We are writing to state our opposition to the proposed development of Orchard Park Village.

As residents of the Glen Oaks development, several items are troubling.

- 1) The new sign states "Outlots for sale Lease/Build to suit". There are three outlots on the plat. Outlot A borders Greenview Road. Outlots B and C appear to be buffers to State Orchard Road, but that cannot be since they are listed for sale or lease. Outlot C adjoins Lot 4 of the residential development. Buffer zones in this area are very important, not only for the aesthetic value of the property involved, but for drainage issues and also runoffs.
- 2) Traffic could also be a problem. With the development of the residential buildings plus the C-2 commercial area, traffic will definitely increase. Can we be sure that State Orchard Road and Greenview Road can handle this new traffic flow? More importantly can the roads handle the wear and tear on them?
- 3) These apartment-like living units in a cluster with detached garages may be called condominiums by the developer, but are they? How can the developer guarantee that each living unit will be 100 percent owner-occupied? Is this compatible with the existing surrounding residential neighborhoods. In could very well be detrimental the property values of nearby residential homes.
- 4) Lastly, the expansion in the percentage of space allocated to C-2 commercial from the original zoning appears to be a violation of the intent for a low impact commercial development.

These are just a few of the reasons that we are opposed to this approval of the Planning Commission decision for the Orchard Park Village.

We enjoy being a part of the City of Council Bluffs. However, this is something that all of us in Glen Oaks and Briarwoods Addition believe in: "To promote an attractive and safe living environment which is compatible with surrounding residential developments". We just don't believe that Orchard Park Village fits that belief.

Sincerely,

Richard and Victoria Janousek 506 Golden Oaks Dr.

Judith Ridgeley

From: Allen Cohrs [acohrs35@cox.net]
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2008 10:00 PM

To: Judith Ridgeley

Subject: Proposed Orchard Village Development by Dial Land Purchasing

I sent the following to all City Council Members and Mayor Hanafan on 6/4/08.

Subject: Proposed Orchard Village Development by Dial Land Purchasing

Dear Councilman,

I am writing to urge you to reject a request by Dial Land Purchasing for re-zoning that would increase the C-2 zoning on land for the proposed Orchard Village on State Orchard Road. To date, I've been very disappointed with the Community Development Department on this matter. During the May 13th zoning hearing, they were questioned by the board as to whether they had sought any input from the area residents on this proposal. They stated they had not. They were urged by the board to get some input from the neighbors as to what might possibly make this project more acceptable to residents. To my knowledge, this still has not occurred.

Many residents appeared at the May 13th hearing to voice their disapproval of the project. This project has met with nearly unanimous opposition by residents of the Forest Glen and Briarwood subdivisions. The project and rezoning should be rejected for the following reasons:

- The project requests an increase in the C-2 commercial zoning of the land from three to eight acres. The proposed commercial area is to include as many as 185 parking spaces. Commercial square footage of up to 35,000. This is not the kind of low impact C-2 project that many of us thought would be built on the existing C-2 plot. A commercial development of this size simply does not belong in what is now a 100% residential area.
- The City Planner stated that taverns would not be permitted but they also admitted during questioning by residents, that it didn't exclude a business such as a sports bar.
- Concerns about light pollution, noise and trash. This area is a quiet residential neighborhood. A parking and commercial area of this size will involve parking lot lighting and blowing trash. The only assurance we were given was that no lights would be pointed up in the air. Are drive-thru's, gas stations, restaurants or any other 24-hour business a possibility?
- The proposal also calls for removal of at least 30 feet of topsoil behind the Briarwood neighborhood. The attorney for Dial stated a nice grassy bank would be built in its place. We have concerns that removal of this much land will allow noise from the Beltway to permeate into the surrounding area and lead to safety and erosion problems.
- This area is not a logical place for commercial development. Much of the traffic from State Orchard Road and from the east flows onto Greenview Drive. This is a narrow two lane street with little potential for widening. More logical places for commercial projects are near the Council Bluffs Airport and Highways 6 and 92 areas more suited for higher traffic volumes. We have plenty of unoccupied commercial areas in the city as it is.
- In the proposed condominium development, the average units are to be priced in the \$100,000 to \$130,000 range. So far what I've seen of these buildings they look like apartment buildings. There is already multi-family zoning in Cedar Hills. This does not fit in a neighborhood where home values are \$200,000 and up. In addition, no assurance has been given that these buildings will be owner-occupied or will not include government subsidized housing.

I urge you to come out to our neighborhood and walk around and ask yourself if this is a good fit for the area? Would you want to live by this project? As the city expands towards the east, are we going to have an "anything goes" zoning policy or well-planned development that fits with the residents in the area? I urge the City Council to reject the expansion of the commercial zoning and instruct the Community Development Department to give the homeowners in the area the consideration they deserve and a project that compliments our neighborhood and families.

140 Glen Oaks Dr Council Bluffs 256-6227

Judith Ridgeley

From:

Marge Megard [margemegard@gmail.com]

Sent:

Wednesday, June 18, 2008 12:20 AM

To:

Judith Ridgeley; Darren Bates; Scott Belt; Lynne Branigan; Matt Schultz; Matt Walsh; Tom

Hanafan

Subject:

Proposed Orchard Village Development and Rezoning

To: Mayor Hanafan, Members of the Council Bluffs City Council and the City Clerk:

Re: Opposition to the Proposed Orchard Village Development and Rezoning

Background: I have been a resident of Council Bluffs for almost thirty years. My family and I moved here in 1978 from Denver, Colorado. Talk about culture shock. At the time, I thought Council Bluffs was the cultural end of the earth. Prior to moving here, I flew into Omaha and was met by a wonderful long-time realtor from Council Bluffs, Betty Moats. I was not familiar with the area but was encouraged to look for housing in the Lewis Central School District. There were *only five homes on the market* at that time in the east end. We bought a home in Pheasant Hills - one of four in the development at that time.

Progress: Council Bluffs has made tremendous strides in the past thirty years, particularly in the area of housing. We have and are attracting individuals and families who work in Omaha and the surrounding area. We now have numerous, well thought out, well designed residential areas including the Forest Glen Subdivision. The approval of the proposed Orchard Village Development and the Rezoning from R-3/Low Density Multifamily Residential to C-2 Commercial does not appear to be in sinc with the progressive and forward-thinking that has been exhibited in the past few years in regard to housing. We've come a long way

Land Use and Zoning: Just because something is legal, doesn't mean that it is right or just or fair or a good idea. It appears that the City can legally allow Dial Land Purchasing to move forward in their endeavor in spite of the fact that this type of development does not fit with the existing quiet residential area. It may be legal, but it's just not right!

Revenue: This type of Development will surely bring more revenue to the City, to Tom Jacobs and to Dial Land Purchasing than would a development similar to the

Briarwood and Forest Glen Subdivisions, which would be more fitting for this area. Additionally it will certainly generate more revenue for bankers and realtors; many of whom are on the Planning Commission, I understand. Should money be the only consideration, the bottom line? What about the existing residents; what about the value of our homes?

Up Close and Personal: My husband is a pastor in West Omaha and I am semi-retired. We have raised five children. We chose this city, this area, this subdivision, this lot and this townhouse for our retirement home for the following reasons; the quality of the workmanship, the tranquility of the area, the view from our deck, the neighborhood in general, the fact that there is virtually no traffic (we are in the cul de sac) and neighbors who take pride in their property. This proposed Development will have a profound effect on us and our enjoyment of this area.

I ask you to carefully consider my concerns and objections, regarding not only the proposed development, but the re-zoning as well. Your decisions will have a profound effect on the future of this area.

Respectfully,

Margery R. Megard

139 Glen Oaks Drive

June 5, 2008

Re. Orchard Village Development

Mayor Hanafan:

We are writing to strongly encourage you to deny the rezoning of the 8.5 acres, which is part of Orchard Village development that is planned by Dial Land Development for the 23-acre plat west of State Orchard Road and North of Greenview Road.

We fully support carefully planned development that allows for growth in our city with consideration for beautiful terrain of the land. The proposed Orchard Village residential development and the commercial space do not meet this criterion.

The entire parcel of 23 acres is currently zoned as R-3/Low Density Multi-family Residential with a Planned Residential Overlay. The developer wants to rezone 8.5 acres to C-2 Commercial.

By the very definition of C-2 in the municipal codes for Council Bluffs, it states the following intent:

"The C-2 district is intended to provide for major commercial retail shopping and service areas adjacent to major traffic corridors. This district also provides a variety of commercial services to the community and adjacent residential neighborhoods. ((Ord. 5458 § 2 (part), 1999)."

By the requirements of the C-2 zoning requirement, this proposed commercial development does not meet the stated intent. It adjoins State Orchard Road and Greenview Road; both cannot be considered major traffic corridors by any definition. At this intersection, these roads are gravel roads that are oiled and at the county line.

We understand that there are future plans for State Orchard Road, but even at the City Planning meeting, no one could say it would be complete in 5 years.

The developer describes 12 residential buildings with 8 living units in each two-story building, along with a clubhouse and a pool on the plat on just 11.4 acres. The following statement of intent for R-3 demonstrates does not fit with the intent of our existing zoning requirements.

The R-3 district is intended and designed for lower density multifamily residential areas of the city. This district permits a variety of housing types and is intended for established and developing areas of the city. (Ord. 5307 § 1 (part), 1996).

The high density apartment-like living units are situated in a cluster of buildings with garages that merely share a common wall with the building. Although the developer

strongly stated that they are "attached", the garage is not accessible by the home owner from his/her living unit. Apartment-like condominiums are more fitting in an urban city setting, not a residential rural setting. This type of housing is not compatible with the existing surrounding residential neighborhoods. In fact, it would be **harmful** to the property values of nearby residential homes.

We understand that this 23 acre property has a PR overlay. The statement of intent for P-R overlay seems quite clear that this proposed residential development is not a good fit based on the following statement of intent:

The **Planned Residential overlay** is established to permit flexibility in the use and design of structures and land in situations where conventional development may be inappropriate and where modifications of requirements of the underlying zone would not be inconsistent with the comprehensive plan **or harmful to the neighborhood in which it is located**. This overlay is intended to:

04. Promote an attractive and safe living environment which is compatible with surrounding residential developments;

By the requirements of our municipal code zoning requirement, this proposed development is not compatible with the single-family homes and the rural residential acreages that surround it.

There are other reasons for opposition to the Rezoning to C-2 for the Orchard Village Development and the type of high-density residential development that is planned for Lots 3 and 4 as described on the plat.

No additional commercial development is needed. There are already two developed major shopping areas within 10 minutes of this location. The new **Metro Crossing** is less than 10 minutes away and it is just getting started with plenty of vacant space for new businesses in an existing commercially-zoned location. Metro Crossing does adjoin two major thoroughfares – Highway 92 and Interstate 29. There is also a gas station and convenience store on Highway 92 with other commercial space on both sides of that property. It is less than 5 minutes from this proposed development.

The **Mall of the Bluffs** is less than 10 minutes away with adequate shopping for a variety of merchants, including groceries, banking, etc. There are several vacant store fronts in the mall. With the move of J.C. Penney's to the **Marketplace** and Target moving to **Metro Crossing**, we urge our city leaders need to protect the Mall of the Bluffs shopping center from becoming ghost town. It is a gateway to our city as it adjoins a major thoroughfare, Interstate 80. Let's not abandon existing commercial space to develop another shopping center in a remote part of town.

Why another shopping center in this area, when Valley View Village is not 100% occupied, nor is the shopping area that once housed Valentino's Pizza as a restaurant. There is also a new commercial space being built on the banks of the Mosquito Creek. It doesn't even

address the amount of vacant commercial space in the Mid-America Center area. This amount of vacant commercial space has a negative impact on the image of our city.

The developer has provided very specific details about the type of trees that are proposed for the commercial area, including their locations, but no information on what type of commercial enterprise that will be in the four buildings of over 35,500 square feet. Commercial zoning of C-2 allows a wide range of possibilities, many which are **not suitable** for a residential area.

The developer includes Lot 1 as part of the commercial rezoning, but without building details. After the planning commission meeting, a representative from Dial said it would be sold or leased for development. This represents additional commercial development not included in the 35,500 square feet shopping center complex.

We have concerns about the environmental effects of excavating more than 30 feet of dirt from this property to prepare the site. By destroying the natural terrain of the land, it is highly likely that the surrounding property will suffer with drainage issues. By removing moisture-absorbing soil with acres of concrete, where is the runoff going to go? It is very likely to be problem for State Orchard Road and the creeks in this rural area. The culvert under Greenview Road will surely be compromised and the impact to the surrounding neighbors will likely be significant.

Has the city conducted civil engineering studies that demonstrate the impact of the removal of the moisture-absorbing land and replacing it with acres of concrete will not cause drainage problems? We ask that our City Leaders Planning ensure the environmental issues are thoroughly addressed and resolved before any type of development is approved for this property to minimize the exposure of risk and liability to our city.

There is typically an embargo every spring on State Orchard Road that prohibits heavy equipment and trucks from using the road. The trucks are rerouted to the nearby existing residential neighborhoods. State Orchard Road is not suitable in its current condition for this type of heavy traffic that would be generated by 96-living units and a multi-building shopping complex.

This proposed commercial and high-density residential development is in a residential rural area with large acreages with horse pastures on State Orchard Road and single family housing areas surrounding it with the exception of the large duplex town homes on Glen Oaks Drive. This land is **not suitable** for apartment-style condos with 196 parking lot spaces and a shopping center with a 185-car parking lot. This development would be detrimental to the property values of the surrounding residential neighborhoods.

We have collected signed petitions from over 55 neighbors who also oppose the rezoning of the portion of Orchard Village to C-2 status. They were provided to the City Planning Commission prior to the May 13th meeting. This 23 acre parcel of land should remain zoned as R-3 with the P-R overlay. Any approved development should add to the value of the surrounding neighborhoods, not do it harm.

If you are interested in viewing this property from a different vantage point, you are welcome to visit our backyard at 125 Glen Oaks Drive. You will see the terrain of this land and the close proximity we are to the property, especially our neighbors as you move up Glen Oaks Drive.

This 23-acre property has pristine views to the east due to the topography of the land. It is much better suited for single family homes or duplex town homes. It would be a desirable residential community that would enhance the surrounding area. The developer could still have 16% of the land as commercial in accordance with its current zoning.

We want to preserve the beauty of the hills of Council Bluffs and we support carefully planned development that allows for space between neighbors. It's our bluffs and hills that make Council Bluffs such a special community. Please do not allow more hills to be removed for commercial and residential development. We have many wonderful residential areas in our city that demonstrate our beautiful terrain.

We strongly recommend that our City Council uphold the integrity of the development of our city and adhere to the intent of our zoning requirements and deny the approval of the Orchard Village Development in its current design.

Thank you for your service to our community and your consideration for our views and opinions.

Marie Larchick and Art Haney 125 Glen Oaks Drive 323-1099

Copy to: Judith Ridgeley

June 16, 2008

Judith Ridgeley City Clerk 209 Pearl Street Council Bluffs, Iowa

Re: Orchard Village Development

Ms. Ridgeley,

Attached are additional signatures of neighbors who oppose the rezoning of the 8.5 acres, which are part of the proposed Orchard Village development. These neighbors own property within 200 feet of the C-2 parcel. The new signatures are on the attached yellow sheet.

We previously submitted 56 signatures of neighbors in opposition to the Orchard Village development on April 1. Also included is a copy of one page from those signatures, which include neighbors who own property within 200 feet of the C-2 parcel. The names are highlighted for identification and for ease of determining the super majority council vote.

The Briarwood neighbors also provided opposition signatures at the City Planning meeting on May 13.

If there are any questions, please contact Marie at work. Thank you.

Marie Larchick and Art Haney

125 Glen Oaks

Council Bluffs, IA 51503

323-1099 (home)

422-7482 (Marie's work)

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Petition to Oppose the Rezoning for Orchard Village

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From:

George Megard [george.megard@churchofthemaster.com]

Sent:

Tuesday, June 17, 2008 9:03 AM

To:

Judith Ridgeley

Subject:

Re: Proposed Orchard Village Development

Please enter my comments into the public record:

Dear Councilmen,

I know you have received emails and letters from neighbors stating the rationale for saying no to the proposed Orchard Village development. I fully concur with what Marie Larchick, Allen Cohrs and others have said. Realizing your time is valuable I will not restate the compelling reasons for rejecting Dial Land Purchasing's plan.

The acreage under consideration is behind our Glen Oaks Townhome, and my wife and I look forward to the development of that area as Council Bluffs continues to grow. However, erecting apartment-style condos that are half the value of the surrounding neighborhood homes seems to be someone's idea of a bad joke.

I would ask the city council to exercise patience, and wait for a developer to come along who will present a plan that is more in line with the surrounding neighborhoods.

George Megard 139 Glen Oaks Drive Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503 712-323-7686

Judith Ridgeley

From:

Kris Chelf [kachelf@cox.net]

Sent:

Monday, June 16, 2008 7:42 PM

To:

Judith Ridgeley

Subject:

Message: Rezoning of the field on the south side of Briarwood

Importance:

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City Clerk
City of Council Bluffs
209 Pearl Street
Council Bluffs, Iowa 51503

It has been brought to my attention that Dial Land Purchasing LLC is requesting rezoning of the field on the south side of Briarwood from R-3 / Low Density Multi-Family Residential to C-2 Commercial. I also understand that this company wishes to construct 4 large buildings on the proposed Orchard Village Subdivision and 12 two-story four-plexes with a clubhouse.

I am writing this e-mail to encourage the members of the Council Bluffs City Council to please <u>reject</u> this request. This type of environment does not belong in our neighborhood. I feel we have too much commercial development as it stands right now. My wife and I have lived in Briarwood since 2002 and have thoroughly enjoyed our quiet surroundings. Speaking for the people of Briarwood and the surrounding sub-divisions, I can assure you that we do not want the kind of problems this type of development can bring. For example, increased traffic, additional noise, more trash, a lighted parking lot (no more starry nights), retail parking spaces, not to mention the possibility of increased crime in the area.

If the aforementioned property must be developed, a better idea would be to build quality homes which would "add" to the beauty and surroundings of our neighborhood. Tweedt Construction would be an excellent choice for such a project and we would have no problems with Mr. Tweedt building his quality homes in the proposed field.

On behalf of the many residents of Briarwood, Forest Glen and the other surrounding sub-divisions, I would strongly urge you to vote **NO** on this proposal. We need to keep our neighborhoods safe and clean for all of the families who bought houses here to escape such an environment as the one being proposed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kris A. Chelf 707 Redwood Drive Council Bluffs, IA 51503

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